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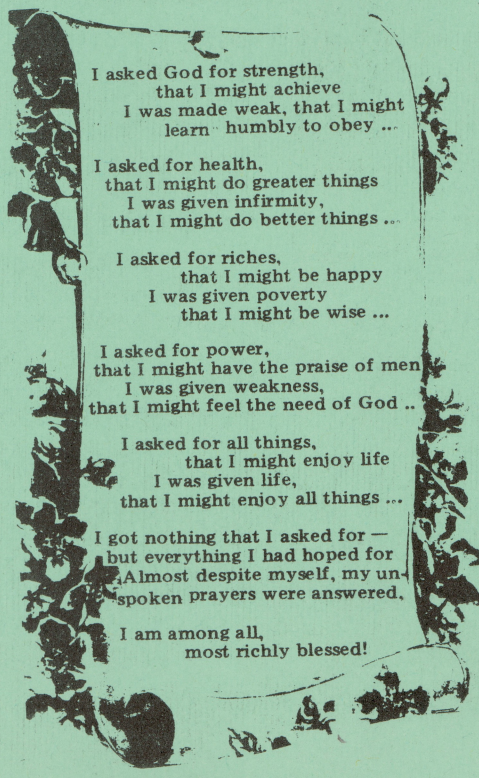
GRACE BEFORE CHRISTMAS DINNER

Father,
you love men,
each of them,
and have made your home
among us.
We offer you today
our small thanks
for this food we are about to eat together,
for the work and love that prepared it,
for the sparkle and light of this season,
for our frail efforts at making love come to life
in our world.
But above all,
we thank you for your Son
whose coming
we make present again
this day.
He came among us in helplessness
as your Word to man,
as your way, and truth, and life.
He came as a little Word,
the only Word as little ones can understand.
He came as a Word quiet and rich with silence,
as all our best words are.
Your Word to us
walked with us and talked to us,
grew and sweated,
loved and cried,
died only to rise,
so that we might know
that your love for us
will never be shaken
despite our worst.
Help us in our thanks
to bend our strength
day by day
toward a Christmas
yet to come:
when all men
of every stock and branch,
of every color and nation,
will sit down to table
and join hands in peace.
This we ask
through your Son, our brother,
who comes to us again
today and all days,
Christ Jesus the Lord.
Amen.

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

The Divine Liturgy of New Year's will be celebrated at the following times:

December 31st - 5:00 & 7:00 PM
January 1st - 9:00 & 11:00 AM
and 7:00 PM



I asked God for strength,
that I might achieve
I was made weak, that I might
learn humbly to obey ...

I asked for health,
that I might do greater things
I was given infirmity,
that I might do better things ...

I asked for riches,
that I might be happy
I was given poverty
that I might be wise ...

I asked for power,
that I might have the praise of men
I was given weakness,
that I might feel the need of God ..

I asked for all things,
that I might enjoy life
I was given life,
that I might enjoy all things ...

I got nothing that I asked for —
but everything I had hoped for
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am among all,
most richly blessed!

KEEP YOUR ENVELOPES HANDY ... it's just a good habit of GIVING

FOR THIS CHRISTMAS

LET
US
ASK...

for the gift of Sight...to see those good things which now we miss because they are to close to us.
for the gift of Conviction...to feel things which now we only know.
for the gift of Remembrance...to be always conscious of how much we owe to others, especially God.
for the gift of Song...to fling towards Heaven, the music in our hearts.
for the gift of Penetration...to live in the depths as well as on the surface.
for the gift of Charity...to love and love and love; and when we are hurt, to forgive.
for the gift of Identity...to be always ourselves, since we are the image of God.
for the gift of Perspective...to be wise enough to see how little we know and to be large enough to see how small we are.

AND
FINALLY...

LET
US
ASK

for the grace to know when a gift is given, to hold on to it, and to use it, and to say THANK GOD!

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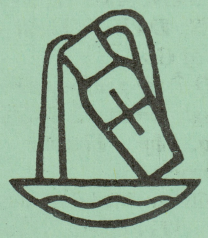
MARRIED IN CHRIST

Mary Catherine Manion was united in marriage to Ronald Thomas Roberts at St. John's Church last Saturday, December 18, at a nuptial Mass celebrated by Father King. The bride is the daughter of Robert and Odelia Manion of 709 Dwight, Ypsilanti. Mr. Robert's, whose parents are deceased, resides in Detroit.

The bridesmaid was the bride's sister Rita DeVrieze, and the best man was Rita's husband, Jerry. The bride's brother, Robert Jr., was commentator for the Mass and the soloist was Sr. Mary O'Connell. Other attendants in the wedding party included the groom's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Paul McKown, of Phelps, New York, and the bride's other sister, and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Hughes, of Chicago, Illinois.

Our prayers and best wishes go with Ron and Mary.

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST



MATTHEW DAVID WALTER, son of Terry E. and Mary DiDonato Walter, was baptized by Father David Harvey on December 19, 1971, and became a member of St. John's Parish. His godparents were William B. DiDonato and Ann M. DiDonato. Welcome Matthew.

POLISH CELEBRATION

Members of the Polish-American Congress, Ann Arbor Chapter, will celebrate the Feast of the Nativity with a Christmas Mass in the Polish language with the singing of the traditional Polish Carols (Kolendy) on Monday, December 27th, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Ursula Catholic Church, Ypsilanti. Following the Mass, the traditional (Oplatek) reception will be held in the parish hall. All people of Polish descent and other interested persons are invited to attend.

NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENT

Are you looking for a New Year's Eve Party? Alfred E. Walters K of C Council will welcome you at its Council Hall on West Michigan Avenue, with music by the New Ypsi Aires, a thirteen-piece orchestra, from 9:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. This entertainment is for listening as well as for dancing.

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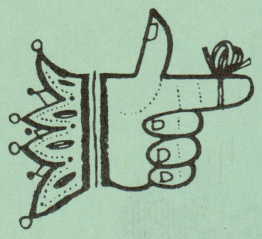

TO: Parents and students in Religious Education Classes.

RE: No classes during the holidays. Classes will resume the week of January 2nd.

PARISH CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, December 26
NO PRE-SCHOOL CLASSES
9:00 And 11:00 a.m. - Baby-sitting, Rm. 5, Religion Center
7:00 p.m. Creative Liturgy
NO HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES

MONDAY, December 27
Boy Scouts - Hall p.m.

TUESDAY, December 28
7:30 p.m. Liturgy Meeting, Rm. 9, Religion Center
9:00 p.m. Teen Dance, Hall

THURSDAY, December 29
NO ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE

FRIDAY, December 31
Teen New Year's Dance - by invitation only - .
5:00 And 7:00 p.m. Masses

SATURDAY, January 1
NEW YEAR'S DAY
Mass schedule found on Pg. 1 of paper.

SUNDAY, January 2
NO PRE-SCHOOL CLASSES
9:00 And 11:00 a.m. Baby-sitting, Rm. 5, Religion Center
7:00 p.m. Creative Liturgy
NO HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, December 27, 1971
7:00 a.m. Paul and Hattie Husse, req. by their Daughter

TUESDAY, December 28, 1971
7:00 a.m. Clem Grabowski, req. by Mrs. Clem Grabowski
NO NOON MASS

WEDNESDAY, December 29, 1971
7:00 a.m. Al Walters, req. by the Family
7:00 p.m. Leo, Paul, George Stachlewitz, req. by Marie Stachlewitz

THURSDAY, December 30, 1971
7:00 AM Clarence and Barbara Theisen, req. by Mr. & Mrs. L. Husse
NO NOON MASS

FRIDAY, December 31, 1971
NO MORNING MASS
5:00 p.m. Walter Kopacz, req. by John Zientarski
7:00 p.m. Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1972: NEW YEAR'S DAY - Feast of Mary, Mother of God
NO 7:00 a.m. MASS
9:00 a.m. Msgr. John F. Bradley, req. by Thomas C. Francis
11:00 a.m. William Wickering, req. by Leonard Dupuis Family
7:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, January 2, 1972
7:00 a.m. Mary Chadwick, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Chadwick and Family
9:00 a.m. Gretchen Borst, Birthday, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Belcher
11:00 Dorothy T. Ward, req. by her Family

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SUNDAY LITURGY
SATURDAY EVENING – 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

HOLYDAY LITURGY
5:30 and 9:00 a.m.; 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

DAILY LITURGY
7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday

BAPTISMS
At 11:00 a.m. Mass on second Sunday of each month.

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 and 8:00 p.m. or by appointment.

MARIAN DEVOTIONS
7:15 Wednesday evenings.

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Members of the parish team would be happy to join you and your family at dinner. Please feel free to extend your invitation directly to the person you would like to invite.

ALTAR BOYS

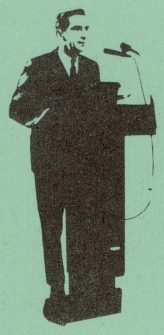
DECEMBER 31
5:00 p.m. Kerry Rimlin and Chuck Gannon
7:00 p.m. Tim Bushchell and Tim Carroll

JANUARY 1
9:00 a.m. Scott Phetteplace and Mike Cicerelli
11:00 a.m. Chris Madigan and Joe Parin
7:00 p.m. Matt Chiocini and Gerald Sullivan

JANUARY 2
7:00 a.m. Paul Yenger and Pat Sullivan
9:00 a.m. Paul and Kevin Courtois
11:00 a.m. Kevin and Chris McCarthy
7:00 p.m. Tim O'Hara and Mike Prevost

WEEK OF DECEMBER 26
7:00 a.m. Mark Brown and Rick Eberts - Mon. and Tues.
7:00 a.m. Danny Gefre and Bill Wagner - Wed. and Thurs.

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE



FRIDAY, December 31, 1971
5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, January 1, 1972 - NEW YEAR'S DAY
9:00 a.m. . . . . D. Stokes
11:00 a.m. . . . . R. Wagner
7:00 p.m. . . High School Student

SUNDAY, January 2, 1972
7:00 a.m. . . . . D. Racine
9:00 a.m. . . . . M. Anhut
11:00 a.m. . . . . M. Wheeler
7:00 p.m. . . High School Student

LECTOR SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, December 31, 1971
5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, January 1, 1972 - NEW YEAR'S DAY
9:00 a.m. . . . . P. Stokes
11:00 a.m. . . . . L. Sanford
7:00 p.m. . . High School Student

SUNDAY, January 2, 1972
7:00 a.m. . . . . F. Wawrzaszek
9:00 a.m. . . . . W. Anhut
11:00 a.m. . . . . D. Wheeler
7:00 p.m. . . High School Student

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